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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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TAGS: BPRO, DM, US

SUBJECT: OHM INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN DAHOMEY

ELECTRICITY PROJECT

1. OHM INTERNATIONAL OF HAWTHORNE, NEW YORK, VISITED COTONOU LATE MARCH TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF SIGNING \$1.2 MILLION CONTRACT FOR EXTENSION ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION FACILITIES SOUTHERN DAHOMEY. DAHOMEANS RECEIVED OHM PROPOSAL FAVORABLY, WHICH WAS PREDICATED ON AVAILABILITY OF EXIMBANK FINANCING. NOW MRGD HAS APPARENTLY DIRECTED DAHOMEY ELECTRIC AND WATER CO. (SDEE) TO APPLY FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FINANCING TO COMPARE TERMS WITH EXIM'S. WE BELIEVE ADB AND EXIM BOTH HAVE GIVEN LOAN PRELIMINARY APPROVAL, SO MRGD NOW HAS CHOICE.

2. IF POSSIBLE, EMBASSY ABIDJAN REQUESTED QUERY ADB ABOUT:
(A) STATUS OF LOAN APPLICATION MADE BY SDEE FOR THIS PROJECT;
(B) IF ADB TERMS ARE MORE CONCESSIONARY THAN EXIM, WHICH WILL LIKELY BE MAIN CRITERIA FOR MRGD DECISION ON FINANCING;
(C) IF AMERICAN FIRM LIKE OHM WILL HAVE PROBLEMS BIDDING ON PROJECT WITH ADB FINANCING.

3. WHEN RESPONSE RECEIVED, PLEASE SEND TO WYGANT IN AF/W TO PASS ON TO OHM INTERNATIONAL (AND INFO US HERE). PERHAPS REDSO MIGHT HELP INFORMALLY WITH ADB.

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